

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

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**DETROIT**

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING  
COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 2:24-cv-12714  
Hon. Jonathan J.C. Grey  
Mag. Judge David R. Grand

JEFFREY ROYER,

Defendant.

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**DEFENDANT'S EMERGENCY MOTION TO STAY ENTRY OF DEFAULT  
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSE**

NOW COMES Defendant Jeffrey Royer, pro se, and respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an emergency stay of the entry of default and for additional time to retain counsel and file a response to the Complaint. In support thereof, Defendant states:

1. Plaintiff filed this action on October 15, 2024, alleging violations of the Commodity Exchange Act.
2. Defendant was served with the Summons and Complaint on October 17, 2024.
3. The response deadline was November 7, 2024.
4. Defendant requires additional time to retain qualified counsel given the complexity of the allegations involving commodity pool operations and federal regulations.
5. This request is made in good faith and not for purposes of delay.
6. The short extension requested will not prejudice Plaintiff.

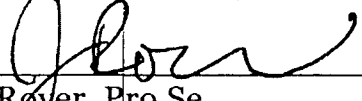
7. Courts generally prefer to resolve cases on their merits rather than through default. See *United States v. \$22,050.00 U.S. Currency*, 595 F.3d 318, 322 (6th Cir. 2010).

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Stay the entry of default;
- B. Grant a 60-day extension to retain counsel and file a response to the Complaint; and
- C. Grant such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: November 21, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on November 21, 2024, I served the foregoing document via first-class mail upon:

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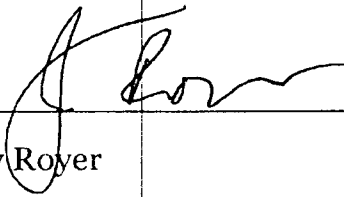
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